AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A computer-based method for a mobile information device to participate in a chat session, comprising the activities of:

obtaining information regarding at least one state variable not indicative of chat server status, chat group status, or chat message status;

applying a predetermined decision logic to the state variable information;

identifying a chat trigger from the application of the predetermined decision logic to the state variable information;

identifying a chat group associated with the chat trigger; and

seeking connectivity between an information device and the chat group associated with the chat trigger.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising measuring the state variable.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising detecting the state variable information.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving the state variable information.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising recognizing a change in the state variable information.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining the decision logic.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising programming the decision logic.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving the chat trigger.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising detecting the chat trigger.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising associating the chat trigger with the chat group.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising identifying the chat group.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising offering an identification of the chat group.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising offering an identification of available chat groups.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising identifying available chat groups.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising identifying a subject matter of available chat groups.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising filtering available chat groups based on one or more predetermined criteria.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting available chat groups based on one or more predetermined criteria.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sorting available chat groups based on one or more predetermined criteria.

19. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising grouping available chat groups based on one or more predetermined criteria.

20. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising rendering available chat groups based on one or more predetermined criteria.

21. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a chat group identification.

22. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising offering the mobile information device an opportunity to initiate a chat group.

23. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising recommending connectivity between the mobile information device and the chat group.

24. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising requesting connectivity between the mobile information device and the chat group.

25. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising obtaining connectivity between the mobile information device and the chat group.

26. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing connectivity between

the mobile information device and the chat group

27. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising identifying an initial chat message to post to the chat group.

28. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising exchanging a chat message with the mobile information device.

29. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising exchanging a chat message between the mobile information device and a chat group associated with the chat trigger.

30. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a chat message to the mobile information device.

31. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a chat message from the mobile information device.

32. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a modality translation of a chat message to the mobile information device.

33. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising translating a chat message from text to speech.

34. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a text-to-speech translation of a chat message to the mobile information device.

35. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a message from the mobile information device to the chat group.

36. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a modality translation of a message from the mobile information device to the chat group.

37. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising translating a chat message from speech to text.

38. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a speech-to-text translation of a message from the mobile information device to the chat group.

39. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising terminating connectivity upon a change in the state variable information.

40. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing instructions for activities comprising:

obtaining information regarding at least one state variable not indicative of chat server status, chat group status, or chat message status;

applying a predetermined decision logic to the state variable information;

identifying a chat trigger from the application of the predetermined decision logic to the state variable information;

identifying a chat group associated with the chat trigger; and

seeking connectivity between an information device and the chat group associated with the chat trigger.

41. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for a mobile information device to participate in a chat group, comprising:

means for obtaining information regarding at least one state variable not indicative of chat server status, chat group status, or chat message status;

means for applying a predetermined decision logic to the state variable information;

means for identifying a chat trigger from the application of the predetermined decision logic to the state variable information;

means for identifying a chat group associated with the chat trigger; and

means for seeking connectivity between an information device and the chat group associated with the chat trigger.

42. (Currently Amended) A method for an information device to participate in a chat session, comprising the activities of:

detecting a chat trigger not indicative of chat server status, chat group status, or chat message status; and

offering to a mobile information device an identification of chat groups associated with the chat trigger.

seeking connectivity between the mobile information device and an identified chat group.

43. (Currently Amended) A method for an information device to participate in a chat session, comprising the activities of:

detecting a chat trigger not indicative of chat server status, chat group status, or chat message status; and

identifying at least one information device associated with the chat trigger; and

seeking connectivity between the at least one information device and a chat session.